

# **Graduation & Senior Year Handbook**



## **Class of 2024**

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DATE	EVENT*	TIME & LOCATION
TUE & THU	Resource Room open for <b>SENIOR ONLY</b> at lunch	Both lunches - Room 1-257
Tue - Sep. 26	<b>BUC Family Night</b> - College Application Process	MPR @ 5:45pm
Oct. 17 - 19	<b>ACT-NCR</b> for seniors still needing score for graduation	Morning - locations as assigned
Wed. - Oct. 18	Leonard's Photography <b>FINAL</b> day for <b>Senior Portrait</b>	On campus - Appointment Required
Tue - Oct. 24	<b>BUC Family Night</b> - Financial Aid for College/Tech-Trade	MPR @ 5:45pm
Thu - Oct. 26	12th Grade In-School <b>SAT</b> (FREE!)	Morning - locations as assigned
Tue - Nov. 14	<b>ASVAB</b> Career Assessment	MPR @ 8:30am
December	<b>FAFSA</b> for 2024-2025 opens ( <i>normal open date is October 1st each year, change is ONLY for this cycle</i> )	

*\*These are events most applicable to Seniors for the **first semester**. Additional BUC Family Night dates/topics and school events taking place will be posted on the school website and in the Resource Room.*

## The school website is your hub for information!

[www.MainlandHighSchool.org](http://www.MainlandHighSchool.org)

Parents & Students and Student Life sections include

- ⇒ ACT/SAT/ASVAB test information
- ⇒ College News
- ⇒ Senior Information
- ⇒ Scholarships & Financial Aid
- ⇒ YPP Volunteer Information
- ⇒ Yearbooks/Student Pictures
- ⇒ *MUCH MORE....check it out!*



**The Resource Room is open Monday-Thursday**

**Join the Remind! Group:** @mhs1-238 (text code to 81010)

Open door policy before/after school & lunch

*Please have pass during scheduled class periods,  
or request an appointment.*



# CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(Students who entered 9th grade in 2019 and beyond)

CATEGORIES (24 Credit Diploma)	CREDITS
<b>ENGLISH</b>	4
<b>MATHEMATICS</b> 1 credit in Algebra I 1 credit in Geometry (EOC = 30% of final course grade) 2 credits in additional math courses	4
<b>SCIENCE</b> 1 credit in Biology (EOC = 30% of final course grade) 1 credit in a physical science course (Earth/Space Science, Physical Science, Chemistry, or Physics) 1 credit in an additional science credit	3
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> 1 credit in World History 1 credit in United States History (EOC = 30% of final course) ½ credit in Economics ½ credit in United States Government	3
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> ½ credit in Personal Fitness ½ credit in any other PE course	1
<b>PERFORMING FINE ARTS</b>	1
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24 Credits</b>
<b>Other Graduation Requirements:</b> ⇒ 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) ⇒ One course must be taken on-line ⇒ Passing score on the Grade 10 FSA/ELA or concordant score. ⇒ Passing score on the Algebra 1 End of Course Assessment or concordant score	

**What is the difference between 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?**

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education not required
- Online course not required

See **Standard Diploma Requirements** page for information about the **CTE Pathway Option**.

# OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

While you must earn all credits in your chosen diploma option to earn your high school diploma, you are also required to meet additional graduation requirements, which are listed below.

1. You must have a 2.0 GPA (unweighted), C average, to earn your high school diploma.
2. You must earn a 3 or higher on the Grade 10 Florida Standard Assessment English Language Arts Exam (FSA ELA). If you do not pass this exam, you can take an SAT or ACT exam to meet this requirement with a concordant score. The required test scores are below:

TEST	SCORE
SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (EBRW)	480
ACT English and Reading Subtests	18*

3. You must earn a 3 or higher on the Algebra 1 End of Course Exam (EOC). If you do not pass this exam you can take the PSAT/NMSQT, SAT or ACT exam to meet this requirement with a concordant score. The required test scores are below:

TEST	SCORE
PSAT/NMSQT Math	430
SAT Math	420
ACT Math	16
FSA Geometry EOC	499

4. The 24 Credit Diploma also requires that at least one course must be completed through online learning. The options for meeting this requirement include:
  - An online course taken in grades 6-12
  - An online course taken through:
    - ⇒ Volusia Online Learning
    - ⇒ Daytona State College
    - ⇒ Florida Virtual School
  - Completion of a blended learning course

\* The average of the Reading and English scores, which can be rounded up. Example: 17.5 = 18

# Standard Diploma Requirements

## Academic Advisement – What Students and Parents Need to Know

### What are the diploma options?

Students must successfully complete one of the following diploma options:

- 24-credit standard diploma
- 18-credit Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL)
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Pathway
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) curriculum
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma curriculum

### What are the state assessment requirements?

Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score
- Algebra 1 end of course (EOC) or a comparative score

Refer to [Graduation Requirements for Florida's Statewide Assessments](#) for concordant and comparative scores.

Students enrolled in the following courses must participate in the corresponding EOC assessment, which constitutes 30 percent of the final course grade<sup>+</sup>:

- Algebra 1
- Geometry
- Biology 1
- U.S. History

<sup>+</sup>Special note: Thirty percent not applicable if not enrolled in the course but passed the EOC (credit acceleration program [CAP]).

### What is the difference between the 18-credit ACCEL option and the 24-credit option?

- 3 elective credits instead of 8
- Physical Education is not required
- Online course is not required

### What is the difference between the CTE Pathway option and the 24-credit option?

- At least 18 credits are required
- 4 elective credits instead of 8
  - 2 credits in CTE courses, must result in completion and industry certification
  - 2 credits in work-based learning programs or up to 2 elective credits including financial literacy
- Physical Education is not required
- Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts is not required
- Online course is not required

### 24 Credit Standard Diploma

4 Credits ELA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA 1, 2, 3, 4</li> <li>• ELA honors, Advanced Placement (AP), AICE, IB and dual enrollment courses may satisfy this requirement</li> </ul>
4 Credits Mathematics*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Algebra 1 and one of which must be Geometry</li> <li>• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to two mathematics credits (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li> <li>• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one mathematics credit (except for Algebra 1 and Geometry)</li> </ul>
3 Credits Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of which must be Biology 1, two of which must be equally rigorous science courses</li> <li>• Two of the three required course credits must have a laboratory component</li> <li>• Industry Certifications that lead to college credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)</li> <li>• An identified computer science** credit may substitute for up to one science credit (except for Biology 1)</li> </ul>
3 Credits Social Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 credit in World History</li> <li>• 1 credit in U.S. History</li> <li>• 0.5 credit in U.S. Government</li> <li>• 0.5 credit in Economics</li> </ul>
1 Credit Fine and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts*
1 Credit Physical Education*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To include the integration of health</li> </ul>
8 Elective Credits
1 Online Course
<p>Students must earn a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale for all cohort years and pass statewide, standardized assessments unless a waiver of assessment results is granted by the IEP team for students with disabilities.</p>

\* Eligible courses are specified in the [Florida Course Code Directory](#).

\*\*A computer science credit may not be used to substitute for both a mathematics and science credit.

### Scholar Diploma Designation

In addition to the requirements of section (s.) [1003.4282](#), Florida Statutes (F.S.), a student must satisfy the following requirements (per. s. [1003.4285](#), F.S.):

- Earn 1 credit in Algebra 2 or an equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- Earn 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC\*
- Earn 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- Earn 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the U.S. History EOC\*
- Earn 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least 1 credit in an AP, IB, AICE or a dual enrollment course

\*A student is exempt from the Biology 1 or U.S. History EOC assessment if the student is enrolled in an AP, IB or AICE Biology 1 or U.S. History course; takes the respective AP, IB or AICE assessment; and earns the minimum score to earn college credit.

### Merit Diploma Designation

- Meet the standard high school diploma requirements
- Attain one or more [industry certifications](#) from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

### What are the additional graduation options for students with disabilities ?

Two additional options are available only to students with disabilities. Both allow students to substitute a CTE course with related content for one credit in ELA 4, mathematics, science and social studies (excluding Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology 1 and U.S. History). The two options are as follows:

- Students with significant cognitive disabilities may earn credits via access courses and be assessed via an alternate assessment.
- Students who choose the academic and employment option must earn at least 0.5 credit via paid employment.

### State University System (SUS)

Admission into Florida's public universities is competitive. Prospective students should complete a rigorous course of study in high school and apply to more than one university to increase their chance for acceptance. To qualify to enter one of Florida's public universities, a first-time-in-college student must meet the following minimum requirements (credit earned by industry certification does not count for SUS admission):

- High school graduation with a standard diploma, a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, and admission test scores meeting minimum college-ready test scores per Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 6.008
- 16 credits of approved college preparatory academic courses per BOG Regulation 6.002
- 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
- 4 Mathematics (Algebra 1 level and above)
- 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
- 3 Social Science
- 2 World Language (sequential, in the same language or other equivalents)
- 2 approved electives

[State University System of Florida](#)

### The Florida College System

The 28 colleges of the Florida College System serve nearly 800,000 students. Colleges offer affordable and stackable workforce credentials including certificate programs, associate in science degrees and associate in arts degrees, which transfer to a bachelor's degree program. Many colleges also offer workforce bachelor's degree programs in areas of high demand. All Florida College System institutions have open-door admissions for students who earned a standard high school diploma or an equivalent diploma or successfully earned college credit.

[Florida College System](#)

### Career and Technical Colleges and Centers

Florida also offers students 49 accredited career and technical colleges or centers throughout the state, which provide the education and certification necessary to work in a particular career or technical field. Programs are flexible for students and provide industry-specific education and training for a wide variety of occupations.

[Career and Technical Education Directors](#)

### Where is information on financial aid located?

The Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance administers a variety of postsecondary educational state-funded grants and scholarships.

[Office of Student Financial Assistance](#)

# 2023-24 SAT & ACT Dates

<b>SAT</b> <b>www.collegeboard.org</b>			<b>ACT</b> <b>www.act.org</b>		
Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline	Test Date	Deadline	Late Deadline
August 26	July 28	August 15	September 9	August 18	September 1
October 7	September 7	September 26	October 28	September 22	October 6
<b>October 26</b>	<i>IN SCHOOL – FREE for SENIORS only</i>		December 10	November 3	November 17
November 4	October 5	October 24	February 10	January 5	January 19
December 2	November 2	November 21	April 13	March 8	March 22
March 9 *CBT*	February 23	TBA	June 8	May 3	May 17
<b>April 11 *CBT*</b>	<i>IN SCHOOL – FREE for JUNIORS only</i>		*July 13	June 7	June 21
May 4 *CBT*	April 19	TBA	<i>*July ACT will not count for Bright Futures for SENIORS.  State accepts scores through JUNE of Senior year.</i>		
June 1 *CBT*	May 17	TBA	<i>The ACT-NCR will be offered in October &amp; March to specified Seniors/Juniors  who are still in need of a passing score for graduation requirements ONLY</i>		
SAT (No essay) = \$60.00 SAT w/Essay = no longer available Late Fee or Change Date Fee = \$30.00			ACT (No essay) = \$68.00 ACT w/Essay = \$93.00 Late Fee or Change Date Fee = \$42.00		

**Mainland CEEB Code is 100355**

## Reminders When Registering for ACT/SAT:

For 2023-24 school year, meal applications are no longer required for a student to receive free lunch.

Families who receive “Direct Certification” of approval of benefits letters from the District may present those to secure waivers for ACT/SAT or in absence of a letter, students will need to visit the Resource Room or their School Counselor for additional assistance.

All families are encouraged to apply for social benefits if they believe they may qualify for services of any kind.



*\*Students with approved FRL benefits are eligible to receive waivers for ACT, SAT, College Applications and much more!*

- ⇒ Use a **personal email** that you know how to log into from any device.
- ⇒ Select schools to send your scores to - **FREE** at time of registration, \$12+ each score to send later.
- ⇒ **Add your test date to your calendar!** A \$30+ fee applies if you miss it and need to change your date.
- ⇒ **Print your admissions ticket!** You will need it and a photo ID to enter on test day.
- ⇒ **STUDY!** Use the online resources available to study for **FREE** and take advantage of any study groups offered through the year.
- ⇒ Florida Bright Futures Program will evaluate scores through **JUNE SR year**. *The July ACT will not count.*
- ⇒ Florida Bright Futures and MANY schools will accept **SUPER-Scores** for both tests.



# THE SAT VS THE ACT

- Fewer Geometry Questions
- More Time per Question
- No-calculator Math Section

## KEY Differences

- Lots of Geometry
- Faster Paced
- Tough Science Section



Overall Time

## TIMING & SCORING

Overall Time



Reading

65m

Writing

35m

200 - 800 points

Math  
(No Calculator)

25m

Math  
(Calculator)

55m

200 - 800 points

**Total Points** | 400 - 1600

Time per Question



Reading



Writing



Math

1-36

35m

Reading

1-36

45m

English

1-36

60m

Math

1-36

35m

Science

**1 - 36** | **Total Points**

Time per Question



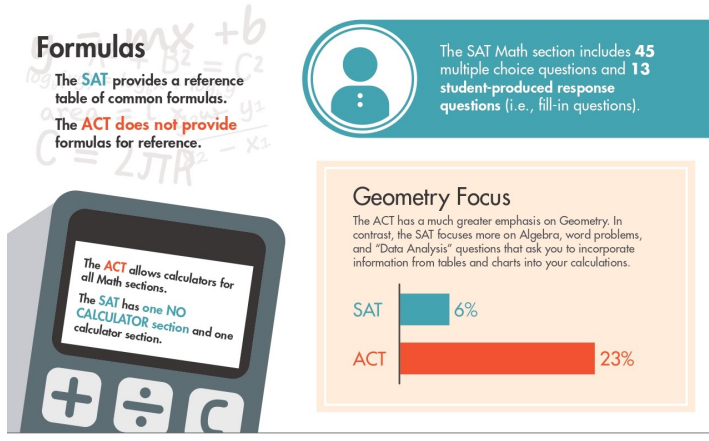
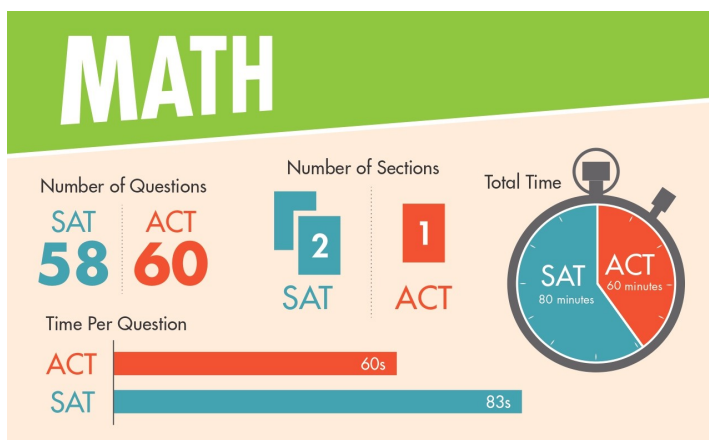
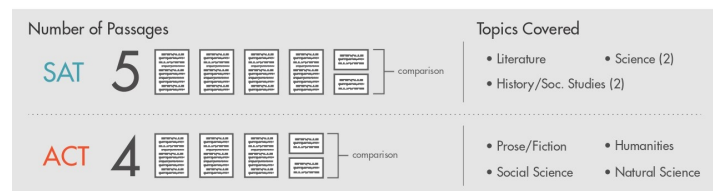
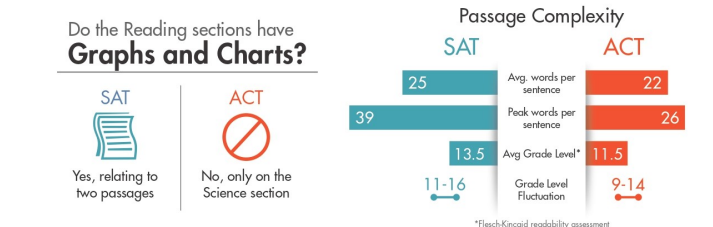
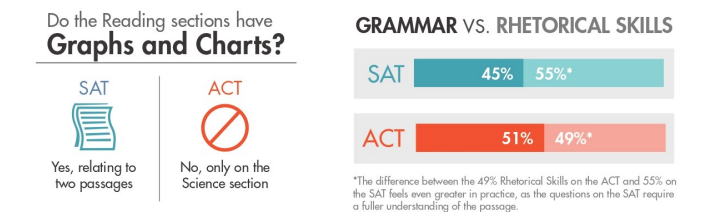
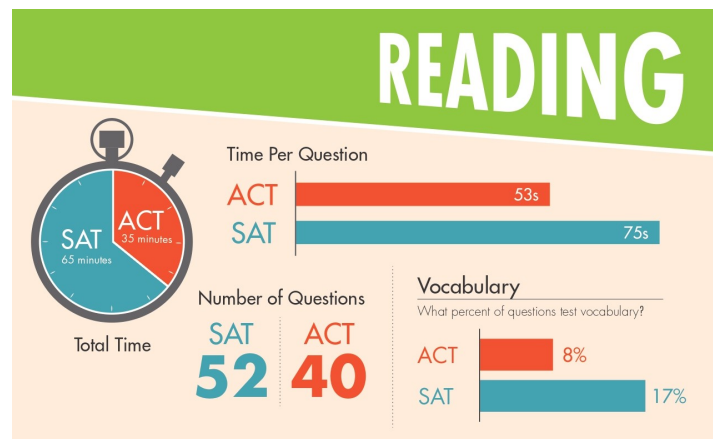
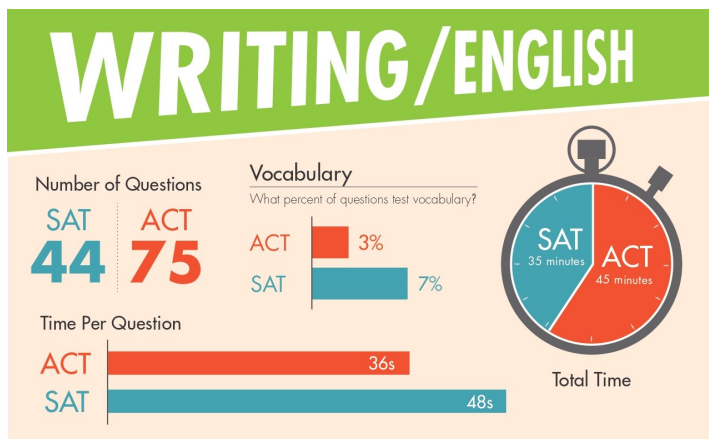
Reading



English



Math



**You do NOT lose points for guessing!**

**Do your best to answer every question!**

<http://www.daytonastate.edu/dual-enrollment>



## Dual Enrollment at **DAYTONA** STATE COLLEGE



### **Are you interested in taking Dual Enrollment classes in Spring?**

*Open Enrollment begins November 2 and deadline is December 1*

*(advising week is October 23-27)*

New to Dual Enrollment? Start the conversation with your School Counselor!

#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 (or 2.0 for Vocational program)*
- *Minimum scores on an appropriate placement test (see chart below)*
- *Permission from school counselor & parent/legal guardian*

*Any combination of eligible scores will be accepted.*

<b>PERT</b>	Reading: Writing: Math:	106 AND 103 114 (Intermediate Algebra) OR 123 (College Algebra)
<b>SAT</b>	Reading: Writing: Math:	24 AND 25 24 (Intermediate Algebra) OR 26.5 (College Algebra)
<b>ACT</b>	Reading: English: Math:	19 AND 17 19 (Intermediate Algebra) OR 21 (College Algebra)

#### **Reminder for returning students:**

All forms are digital now - hand written paper copies will no longer be accepted.

Download new form through website above or request copy from your school counselor.

**DO NOT MISS THE DEADLINE!**

#### **Special Note About Transcripts:**

If you have taken classes through DSC and are applying to colleges, please remember that you will need to request from DSC your transcript to be sent to each school as well.



# COUNTDOWN CALENDAR

The Countdown Calendar is a list of important dates and things you need to do so you're ready for graduation. Keep this copy handy and use it to meet those all-important deadlines.

## **September — October**

- ☐ Meet with your counselor to review career and college plans. Review Bright Futures requirements.
- ☐ Visit the Student Services/Resource Room for career, college and financial aid information.
- ☐ **Utilize the Resource Room for SENIOR ONLY Tuesday & Wednesday @ Lunch**  
Time to work on/talk about college applications, financial aid & scholarships, career options, etc.
- ☐ Narrow your choices to the top three or four colleges in which you are most interested and contact the admissions offices to schedule campus visits.
- ☐ **Attend BUC Family Night for the College App Process - September 26, 2023 in MPR @ 5:45pm**
- ☐ Apply for admissions to the colleges in which you are interested.
- ☐ Obtain financial aid information from those colleges. Carefully review information explaining available financial aid, application procedures, and deadline dates.
- ☐ Begin your search for private scholarships. Check the scholarship page on school website and talk with your counselor, college financial aid offices as well as religious and civic organizations.
- ☐ Attend college fairs and financial aid information nights.
- ☐ FSA/ELA and Algebra 1 EOC retakes, and **ACT NCR (non college reporting) October 17-19** for any senior who still needs passing scores for graduation requirement.
- ☐ Take or retake the SAT and/or ACT. **FREE In-school SAT on Thursday, October 26, 2023**
- ☐ Meet with counselor to arrange 2nd semester dual enrollment at Daytona State College or arrange any course work you may need for credit recovery / remediation. *DSC Spring registration is open from November 2 - December 1.*
- ☐ FSA retakes for seniors who still must pass the reading section.
- ☐ **Attend BUC Family Night for Financial Aid - October 24, 2023 in MPR @ 5:45pm**
- ☐ Collect the family W-2 forms and completed federal tax return for use in completing the FAFSA if you have not already done so.
- ☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at <http://www.studentaid.gov>  
Be sure to complete it as soon as possible after it opens ~~October 1st~~ (opens in DECEMBER for 2023).
- ☐ Register for the Florida Financial Aid Program, which includes the Bright Futures Scholarship.
- ☐ Complete YPP/Volunteer Training and turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets.

## **November — December**

- ☐ Continue to apply for admission to colleges in which you are most interested.
- ☐ Meet with college reps and recruiters as they visit campus.
- ☐ Take or retake the SAT and/or ACT.
- ☐ **ASVAB testing - Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 8:30am in MPR**
- ☐ Turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets.

## **January**

- ☐ Promptly respond to requests for information from college admission and financial aid offices.
- ☐ Meet with counselor to review graduation plans.
- ☐ Complete applications for community scholarships.
- ☐ Turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets.

## **February**

- ☐ Promptly respond to requests for information from college admission and financial aid offices.
- ☐ Complete applications for community scholarships.
- ☐ Retake the ACT.
- ☐ Turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets.

## **March**

- ☐ Review your financial aid award from the colleges to which you have applied for financial aid. Your package may include various forms of assistance including student loans.
- ☐ Retake the SAT.
- ☐ Complete applications for community scholarships.
- ☐ **ASVAB testing - Thursday, March 14, 2024 @ 8:30am in MPR**
- ☐ Turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets.

## **April**

- ☐ Make your final decision on college attendance and notify the appropriate admissions office.
- ☐ Promptly respond to requests for information from the college admissions and financial aid offices at your chosen college.
- ☐ Pay required deposits for enrollment and/or residence hall.
- ☐ Retake ACT.
- ☐ Complete applications for community scholarships.
- ☐ Turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets.

## **May**

- ☐ AP and Final exams
- ☐ Retake SAT
- ☐ Complete all FLVS, VOL or Edgenuity coursework
- ☐ Turn in completed volunteer hour log sheets
- ☐ Senior Awards Night
- ☐ Baccalaureate
- ☐ Graduation Rehearsal
- ☐ GRADUATION!!!

## **June – August**

- ☐ Retake the SAT and/or ACT if necessary. ***June is the last month that scores will count for Bright Futures qualification.***
- ☐ Request FINAL high school transcripts to be sent to your college of choice. **Final transcripts will not be available until mid-June at the earliest** (graduates are responsible for this!).
- ☐ Attend the orientation program for the college/university you will attend.
- ☐ Final transcripts for Bright Futures are submitted in early to mid-July.

## **Other Reminders & Things To Do:**

- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐
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# SENIOR EXPENSES AND IMPORTANT DATES

*The following items are optional, approximate expenses. This will give you an idea on how to budget your money and possible expenses related to your senior year. These are approximations and subject to change.*

## Make sure your picture is in the yearbook:

All senior images are to be taken by our school's official photographer, **Leonard's Photography**.

Senior Pictures will be taken **NOW – October 18, 2023\***. Make your appointment now at **www.leonards.com**

*\*There is ONE on campus makeup day for seniors to be photographed for the yearbook only—OCTOBER 18, appointment required.*

## How to order your yearbook:

**Yearbook pre-orders begins August 1, 2023.** A very limited number of extra books will be available for purchase after pre-order has closed. Purchase your books early to avoid missing out. Payments can be made online through FOCUS or in person with Ms. Wise, Room 1-333. You may also order directly online at **www.BuyTheYearbook.com**

- **\$70.00** 8/1 – 8/30
- **\$75.00** 9/1 – 11/30
- **\$80.00** 12/1 – 2/14
- **\$85.00** 2/15 – Sold Out

## Cap & Gown:

Every Senior who will participate in the Graduation Ceremony at the Ocean Center is required to purchase the basic cap & gown package, **cost is \$65**. Additional information will be announced at assembly and available through Mrs. Rogers in the Activities Office. Review products, purchase through: **www.herffjones.com**

## Additional Items to consider (costs vary):

Senior Class Shirt, Senior Pictures, Class Ring, Graduation Announcements, Senior Class Photo



## Senior Special Events:

*Costs are still to be announced*

Homecoming: October 14, 2023 / \$\_\_\_\_\_

Senior Class Photo: January 30, 2024 / \$\_\_\_\_\_

Grad Bash @ Universal Studios: April 20, 2024 / \$\_\_\_\_\_

PROM @ MOAS: April 27, 2024 / \$\_\_\_\_\_

Student obligations must be paid in order to participate in some events. See Mrs. Rogers with any questions.

# GRADUATING THE CLASS OF 2024

The Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2024 is (TBA for 2024). There are many events leading up to this auspicious occasion. Please be sure to review the information provided during the school year so that you are completely knowledgeable about these occasions.

**Senior Awards Night**     *Invitation only event* for select students and their family. This is a night for special recognition of academic achievements as well as awarding scholarships from local community organizations. Attire requirements are the same as for graduation.

**Date:** Thursday, May \_\_\_\_\_, 2024     **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** Mainland High School

**Graduation Practice**     It is important to understand that students must participate in the practice session to be able to take part in graduation.

**Rehearsal & Graduation will be held at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center.**

**Rehearsal Date:** \_\_\_\_\_     **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_     **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Attire**     **Graduates** may wear a cool light, solid colored dress under the graduation gown. Be sure to choose a style with a simple neckline that will not interfere with the neckline of the graduation gown. Dresses should not hang below the graduation gown.

Wear dark dress shoes with low or medium height heels for your safety in getting on and off the stage—also, skin tone stockings are best.     ~OR~

**Graduates** may wear dark blue or black dress pants and black dress shoes. Jeans, sneakers, topsiders, flip flops and sandals are not allowed. Wear a white dress shirt with a collar, long sleeves and a dark tie.

**All graduates:** Please leave your purses, cameras, and other valuables at home or with a friend or relative while participating in the ceremony. There is no place that will be provided to secure items during the program.

*Wearing of personal jewelry will be limited and specific guidelines will be announced in Senior Assembly closer to graduation.*

# GRADUATION DESIGNATIONS

## **MERIT DESIGNATION**

In addition to meeting the standard high school diploma requirements students must attain one or more industry certifications from the list established (per s. 1003.492, F.S.)

Industry Certification Name	
Adobe (ACA) Dreamweaver	Certified EKG Technician
Adobe (ACA) Animate	Certified Nursing Assistant
Adobe (ACA) Illustrator	Engineering Core Certification
Adobe (ACA) In Design	Emergency Medical Responder
Adobe (ACA) Photoshop	Microsoft (MOS) Bundle Certification (3 of 6)
Adobe (ACA) Premiere Pro	Microsoft (MTA) HTML5
Agriculture Associate Certification	Microsoft (MTA) Networking Fundamentals
Agriculture Technician Certification	Microsoft (MTA) Software Development Fund.
Agricultural Mechanics Certification	Microsoft (MTA) Windows Operating System Fund.
Animal Science Certification Exam	Microsoft (MTA) Security Fund.
Aquaculture Technician	National ProStart Cert of Achievement
Autodesk Certified User - AutoCAD	Natural Resources Certification
Autodesk Certified User - Inventor	Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT), Building Construction Technology
Autodesk Certified User - Revit	ServSafe Certified Food Protection Manager
Biotechnician Assistant	Small UAS Safety Certification
Certified Food Safety Manager	Intuit QuickBooks
Certified Medical Admin Assistant	Toon Boom – Storyboard Pro
Certified Internet Business Assoc.	Certified Network Technology Assoc.

## **SCHOLAR DESIGNATION**

In addition to meeting the standard high school diploma requirements:

- 1 credit in Algebra 2 or equally rigorous course
- Pass the Geometry EOC
- 1 credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous math course
- Pass the Biology 1 EOC\*
- 1 credit in Chemistry or Physics
- 1 credit in a course equally rigorous to Chemistry or Physics
- Pass the US History EOC\*
- 2 credits in the same World Language
- Earn at least one credit in an AP, IB, AICE or dual enrollment course.

\*Students who take respective AP or IB Biology and/or US History assessment and earn minimum score to earn college credit are exempt from the EOC requirement for these courses.

# COLLEGE - FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

Colleges and Universities come in different sizes and types with different emphases and opportunities. Your needs and priorities will determine how you select from such a wide range of choices and find an institution that is appropriate for you - 2yr/4yr, public, private, religious, large, small....*what is **YOUR** fit?*

## Check out the school's website:

- ♦ General information - location, size, type
- ♦ Investigate sources of financial aid they offer
- ♦ Schedule a campus visit
- ♦ Access online application - verify deadlines

## Campus Visits & College Reps

Throughout the schools year there will be opportunities to meet with various College Representatives as they schedule time on campus. Listen to announcements and visit Student Services to check dates.

**Visiting the campus of schools that you are interested in is highly recommended.** Contact the school or go online to see if there are special visitation days planned or to schedule a tour. While visiting a campus you should be prepared with a list of questions and try to plan specific activities, such as:

- ♦ Meet with an admissions counselor
- ♦ Discuss programs and admissions requirements
- ♦ Determine costs and ask about financial aid opportunities
- ♦ View dorms, cafeteria, library, athletic centers, etc.
- ♦ Meet with faculty in the department of your intended major
- ♦ Talk with students and try to attend a class, if available

## Need more information? Plan now to attend:



### NACAC National College Fairs

**Virtual Fairs** on September 10 & October 15 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm

### In Person Fairs:

September 23 in Jacksonville, 9:00am - 1:00pm

October 22 in Orlando, 1:00pm - 4:00pm

*Find details for each event and register to attend at: <https://www.nacacnet.org/events/>*

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

Online applications are the standard for today's schools. Most schools offer the option to apply direct through their website, or many also accept a general application through sites like Common App.

Depending on the school(s) that you are planning to apply to, it may be easier to apply direct. Be sure to check the option for each school on your list and do not hesitate to ask for help from your Counselor, the College & Career Counselor or the Resource Room.

⇒ **Pay attention to deadlines!** Each school will have its own deadlines for:

- ♦ Early Admissions
- ♦ Regular Admissions
- ♦ Financial Aid & Scholarships
- ♦ Special Programs
- ♦ Housing

⇒ Complete the “**Student Records Release Authorization**” form to allow your transcripts to be sent.

⇒ **Take or retake the ACT/SAT** and include the school(s) you are applying to when sending scores.

⇒ **Application fee waivers** are available to students who are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch status and College Board includes (4) free waivers through your account for any student who has taken the SAT using a fee waiver. ***Not sure if you qualify?*** Speak with your school counselor!

⇒ **Academic Resume, Letters of Recommendation, Personal Statement, Application Essay...**are just a few items you may need to complete your application.

## **Need more information? Plan now to attend:**

BUC Family Night - College Application Process

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

MPR @ 6:00pm

*(doors open at 5:30pm)*



# APPLYING TO COLLEGE (CONT'D)

- ⇒ There are **(3) websites** that can be used to apply to several schools at once:
  - ♦ **Common App** - [www.CommonApp.org](http://www.CommonApp.org)
  - ♦ **Coalition App** - [www.CoalitionforCollegeAccess.org](http://www.CoalitionforCollegeAccess.org)
  - ♦ **HBCU Common App** - [www.CommonBlackCollegeApp.com](http://www.CommonBlackCollegeApp.com)
  - \* *Please keep in mind that each school may still require additional information to be submitted through their student portal after your main “general” application is submitted. Be sure to check your application dashboard often to stay on top of requested items.*
- ⇒ **Some schools will require the SSAR** in place of a current transcript.
  - ♦ The “Self-reported Student Academic Record” is a website that is used to create an account and enter in all of your academic classes that you have taken for high school credit.
  - ♦ Access the website - <https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com>
- ⇒ **Complete your FAFSA** as soon as possible after October 1st!
  - ♦ The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and every school will want your FAFSA as part of your evaluation for scholarships, grants and some programs they may offer.
- ⇒ **Some schools will require the CSS Profile** in addition to the FAFSA.
  - ♦ The CSS is part of College Board and is a financial profile that only some schools require.
  - ♦ Access the CSS on [www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org)
- ⇒ **Recommendation Letters** may be required by some schools.
  - ♦ Ask your recommenders in advance - do not wait until the day before a deadline!
  - ♦ Provide your academic resume or a “brag sheet” to help your recommender.
  - ♦ Waiving your **FERPA Rights** when applying to a school means that you give permission for documents to be submitted by another person or your school on your behalf.
- ⇒ **Your GPA matters!** Many schools, programs and scholarships have minimum requirements.
- ⇒ **Community Service Hours** are not a graduation requirement, but **ARE** required for some programs and many scholarships, including Bright Futures.
- ⇒ Create a **professional email** to use when applying to and communicating with colleges, scholarships and job opportunities.

# ACADEMIC RESUME WORKSHEET

Complete the following sections to use as a guide in starting your resume. Don't limit yourself at this point; list everything even if it seems trivial. Using this worksheet will help you not only keep track of your "stuff and activities" for four years, but will also help guide you. Fill in the missing pieces or areas in which you might be weak in. This worksheet will be helpful for whoever is writing your letter of recommendation also.

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-Mail:

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## EDUCATION

High School:

City, State:

Graduation Date:

Type of Diploma:

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

*Any academic, athletic, or community honors*

Award:

Sponsoring organization:

Date awarded & what grade:

Reasons for recognition:

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## ACTIVITIES

*Describe the activities you are involved in, both in and out of school. Include any leadership positions held. Include club, athletics, drama, music, newspaper, yearbook, student council, community service.*

Position held:

Organization:

Dates of involvement and what grade:

Description of activities:

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

*Include both paid and unpaid after school, weekend or summer employment. Describe your skills, qualifications, and accomplishments.*

Job Title:

Name or employer or organization:

City, State:

Dates worked:

Description of work, skills used, special projects and accomplishments.

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## SKILLS (AND SPECIAL INTERESTS)

Languages:

Computer skills:

Interests:

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# Your stress-free guide for applying to college

## Junior year

### September

#### Have the "college" talk with your parents

Where do you want to go? What major? How much can you spend?

### October

#### Take the PSAT

It can give you an idea of where you fall in the college applicant pool. Plus, your scores may make you eligible for national scholarships.

### November

#### Consider how you'll pay for college

Scholarships? Financial aid? Student loans? A combo? Start looking into your options.

### December

#### Take the ACT/SAT

These tests are crucial to figuring out which schools are a good match for you. Consider taking practice tests and even a prep course to ensure that you get your best score possible.

### March

#### Make a list

Keep a focused list of schools you're interested in. Start planning campus visits for the spring and summer.

## Senior year

### August

#### Start your essays

With your top schools in mind, start drafting your essays and be sure to leave yourself time for edits, edits, and more edits.

### September

#### Secure letters of recommendation

Reach out to teachers, coaches, and employers who would be happy to write you a glowing review. Don't forget to send them a thank you note afterwards!

### October

#### Submit your FAFSA

Some student aid programs award funds on a first-come, first-served basis so don't wait too long to submit your FAFSA.

#### Consider re-taking standardized tests

You can also re-take your SAT to try to raise your score.

### November

#### Stay on top of deadlines

Don't let the date for early application sneak up on you. Many schools have different application deadlines; make sure you know when everything is due.

### January

#### Apps are due

January 1st is the universal deadline for most schools' applications, so make sure yours are in. If you applied early action, you could get your decision letter any day.

### February

#### Mail's here

Keep an eye out for your college acceptance letters.

### March

#### Watch for award letters

This is when you'll get financial aid award letters from the schools that have accepted you. Compare them to see which offers the best financial aid package.

### April

#### Decision time

After deciding where you'd like to go, make sure to stay on top of communications from your school. Deposits, forms, and housing apps are all due prior to leaving in the fall.

### May

#### Make a budget

Talk with your parents to figure out how much you'll expect to earn and pay while at school. Having a budget will start you on the journey toward financial responsibility.

### Summer

#### Final to-do items

You can choose to attend orientation, register for your classes, and make sure your tuition bill is paid. Don't forget, it's also the time to have fun!

## DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION



**NACAC** National Association for  
College Admission Counseling  
Guiding the way to higher education

## STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST SUITS YOU?

### Non-Restrictive Application Plans

#### Regular Decision

##### DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Rolling Admission

##### DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

#### Early Action (EA)

##### DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

### Restrictive Application Plans

#### Early Decision (ED)

##### DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

##### COMMITMENT:

BINDING

#### Restrictive Early Action (REA)

##### DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm.

##### COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.

Checklist	College 1	College 2	College 3	College 4
Application Deadline: Does the school have rolling admissions or a specific date application has to be submitted by?	Regular: Priority: Final:	Regular: Priority: Final:	Regular: Priority: Final:	Regular: Priority: Final:
Application Login Information: Username and Password				
Transcript: Complete Release of Records form and notify your Counselor where to send	<input type="checkbox"/> Release Form <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript Sent	<input type="checkbox"/> Release Form <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript Sent	<input type="checkbox"/> Release Form <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript Sent	<input type="checkbox"/> Release Form <input type="checkbox"/> Transcript Sent
Official Test Scores Sent: -Send SAT scores; collegeboard.org -Send ACT scores; act.org	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT	<input type="checkbox"/> SAT <input type="checkbox"/> ACT
Student Resume: Needed for Letters of Recommendation and requested by some schools	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Letters of Recommendation: If required, how many needed? Teacher ?Counselor? Other?	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Essay: Is the essay required? If they say essay optional - that really means required!	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Optional <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Optional <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Optional <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Optional <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required
SSAR: Required in place of transcripts for some schools. Create account & link to application	<input type="checkbox"/> Create SSAR <input type="checkbox"/> Link to App	<input type="checkbox"/> Create SSAR <input type="checkbox"/> Link to App	<input type="checkbox"/> Create SSAR <input type="checkbox"/> Link to App	<input type="checkbox"/> Create SSAR <input type="checkbox"/> Link to App
Submitting Application: Has your waiver been sent, if qualified?	<input type="checkbox"/> Application Done <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Waiver -OR- <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Application Done <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Waiver -OR- <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Application Done <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Waiver -OR- <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Application Done <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Waiver -OR- <input type="checkbox"/> Paid Fee
Follow up & Notes: Check application status online. Did you call/ email to check on any missing or required materials requested by school?				
After Application Sent—what is next? Check email OFTEN and respond promptly.	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Submit CSS <input type="checkbox"/> YES, accepted! <input type="checkbox"/> Accept/Decline If attending here: <input type="checkbox"/> Pay Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residency <input type="checkbox"/> Shot Records <input type="checkbox"/> Final Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Submit CSS <input type="checkbox"/> YES, accepted! <input type="checkbox"/> Accept/Decline If attending here: <input type="checkbox"/> Pay Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residency <input type="checkbox"/> Shot Records <input type="checkbox"/> Final Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Submit CSS <input type="checkbox"/> YES, accepted! <input type="checkbox"/> Accept/Decline If attending here: <input type="checkbox"/> Pay Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residency <input type="checkbox"/> Shot Records <input type="checkbox"/> Final Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Submit CSS <input type="checkbox"/> YES, accepted! <input type="checkbox"/> Accept/Decline If attending here: <input type="checkbox"/> Pay Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Residency <input type="checkbox"/> Shot Records <input type="checkbox"/> Final Transcript
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to each school's website for complete application requirements.</li> <li>• Have questions about the school or application? Call Admissions! Don't delay and miss deadlines!</li> <li>• Check the scholarships and financial aid page for each school to see what is available and the criteria. Some schools have separate applications for Foundation Scholarships and most will have priority consideration deadlines.</li> <li>• The longer you wait to complete your application, the better the chance you miss out on extra \$\$.</li> </ul>				



SCHOOL ADDRESS & PHONE NO. →

Mainland High School  
1255 W International Speedway Blvd.  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(386) 258-4665

## STUDENT RECORDS RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

### TYPE OR PRINT

**Instructions:** This form is to be used by the eligible parent/legal guardian (parents of a "dependent student" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code) or eligible student (age 18 or attending a post secondary educational institution) to request and authorize the release of student information.

The eligible parent/legal guardian or student must provide a **legible copy of his/her photo identification** with all inactive student records requests. Photo identification may be required to release current student information.

**Requests for student information will not be processed without the proper fee and photo identification.**

**I authorize the School District of Volusia County to:** (check one)

☐ Obtain from

☐ Release to (There is a \$1.00 fee to certify each records request for inactive student information.)

Name of Agency/Person	Address	City	State	Zip
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**Records of (full name while in school):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ALPHA Code (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Volusia County Public School attended \_\_\_\_\_ Date last attended \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDS REQUEST (please check) Academic Records:** ☐ Transcript (high school) ☐ Permanent Record \*

**Individual Request:** ☐ Proof of Graduation\* ☐ SAT/ACT Scores\* ☐ Immunizations\* ☐ Psychological  
☐ Birth Date Verification\* ☐ Standardized Tests\* ☐ ESE Records ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Upon request, transcripts may be released to a college representative for athletic scholarships without individual signed release forms. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If sending to address other than above, mail, fax or email record(s) request to: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If the request is to be faxed or emailed, it must be specifically indicated below.**

### AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I authorize the School District of Volusia County, Florida to release or obtain the information specified above to the agency or individual above.

I understand that as a eligible parent/legal guardian or eligible student who is 18 years of age or attending a post secondary education institution, I have the right to review all records or student information being forwarded to the receiving party prior to release. I have also been informed that I have a right to a hearing to contest any information contained in requested records prior to release. I hereby authorized the release of records or information requested.

I understand that Volusia County Schools cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information that is sent via fax or email. I further understand that transcripts that are faxed or e-mailed may not be considered official by the receiving agency. However, please ☐ FAX ☒ EMAIL my records to the number/e-mail address listed above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*Eligible Parent/LegalGuardian, Student 18 Years of Age or Student Attending Post Secondary Educational Institution*

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Walk-in Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sent:: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_



I want to go to school to learn a skill or earn my degree after graduation, but how am I going to afford it?

- 💰 Apply for Financial Aid
- 💰 Apply for Scholarships
- 💰 Earn the best grades you can in your classes
- 💰 Work and save your money
- 💰 Don't miss opportunities or deadlines

### Plan NOW to attend:

BUC Family Night

Financial Aid Workshop

Tuesday, October 24th @ 5:45pm

*Resource Room SENIOR ONLY Tuesdays & Thursdays in October during both lunches to assist with Financial Aid! And, in JANUARY—we will host a scholarship bootcamp!!*

*Appointments available with Resource Room for families to receive help completing their FAFSA Application. Call or email to request a date/time.*



## Follow the steps:

1

### Review the Training Material

- ⇒ Review the YPP Training Handbook -OR-
- ⇒ Watch the District Power Point Presentation

2

### Complete the (15) question Post-Test

- ⇒ Download or pick-up paper copy -OR-
- ⇒ Take the test now using online form

3

### Complete the Agreement & Log Sheets

- ⇒ Download or pick-up paper copy
- ⇒ Turn in to Student Services for entry



Take the Post-Test NOW, scan QR code...

All information available in Resource Room and online at:  
[www.MainlandHighSchool.org/Student & Parent Resources/YPP](http://www.MainlandHighSchool.org/Student & Parent Resources/YPP)

Community Service Hours are **REQUIRED** as part of the qualification to receive the Bright Futures Scholarship from the State of Florida as well as for many other institution and private scholarships.



# Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Guidelines

## Class of 2024

	Florida Academic Scholarship (FAS) -Covers 120 credit hours-	Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS)* -Covers 120 credit hours-	Florida Gold Seal Vocational (GSV) -Covers 72 credit hours-			
Award Amount <sup>1</sup>	100% of tuition & applicable fees at a public Florida institution. Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount.	75% of tuition & applicable fees at a public Florida institution. Students attending a nonpublic institution will receive a comparable amount.	Up to: \$48/credit hour – AS, AAS, CCC \$48/credit hour – BS, BAS* \$39/credit hour – PSAV** \$39/semester – ATD**			
Requirements:						
1. GPA	3.5 weighted in core classes only	3.0 weighted in core classes only	3.0 weighted in core classes <u>AND</u> 3.5 in 3yrs in the same vocational program			
2. Core Classes	4- English (3 with substantial writing) 4- Math (Algebra 1 & Above <sup>2</sup> ) 3- Science (2 with substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2- World Language - (sequential, in the same language)	4- English (3 with substantial writing) 4- Math (Algebra 1 & Above <sup>2</sup> ) 3- Science (2 with substantial lab) 3- Social Science 2- World Language - (sequential, in the same language)	4- English 4- Math (Including Algebra 1 <sup>2</sup> ) 3- Science 3- Social Science (2 with substantial lab) 1- Fine Arts; OR 1 Identified Practical Art; OR .5 credit in each .5 credit in any P.E. course .5 credit of Personal Fitness +3 Career Tech Ed credits in a vocational program over 2 academic years			
3. Service Hours +	100 Hours (or 100 work hours)	75 Hours (or 100 work hours)	30 Hours (or through 100 work hours)			
4. Test Scores ++	SAT – 1340 (CR & Math only)  ~OR~  ACT – 29 (Composite)  <i>Super-score accepted for either test</i>	SAT – 1210 (CR & Math only)  ~OR~  ACT – 25 (Composite)  <i>Super-score accepted for either test</i>	SAT – 440 (CR) & 440 (Math)  <table><tr><td><u>ACT</u> 17 English 19 Reading 19 Math</td><td><u>PERT</u> 106 Reading 103 Writing 114 Math</td></tr></table>		<u>ACT</u> 17 English 19 Reading 19 Math	<u>PERT</u> 106 Reading 103 Writing 114 Math
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<sup>1</sup>Award amounts are approximate and subject to change after each legislative session. <sup>2</sup>Algebra 1A/1B count as one credit.

\*GSC recipients who earn a qualifying A.S. or A.A.S degree may receive an award toward a qualifying B.S. or B.A.S. degree.

+ Volunteer hours as specified in law, OR through 100 hours of documented paid work.

++ Scores accepted for evaluation through JUNE of Senior year.

\* The **FMS** Bright Futures award will cover 100% of tuition and some fees at a State College (*like Daytona State*) for students enrolled in an associate degree program. Upon completing an associate degree, a student may use their award to pursue a baccalaureate degree and receive the standard 75% of tuition and specific fees. *However, if used directly at a State University, the FMS will fund the established standard of 75% of tuition and specific fees.*

**The Florida Financial Aid Application opens OCTOBER 1st**

School Counselors will assist students with registration in-school

*Bright Futures is one of (13) scholarship & grant programs offered through the State*

**For a complete list visit: [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org)**



# COLLEGE COSTS - ESTIMATIONS FOR 2023-24

There are many factors involved in determining the total cost to attend any school. Tuition and Fees for each class is just a portion, and some scholarships are only intended to help cover this cost. Refer to the chart below for current estimated costs for the (12) Florida Public Universities.



**Fall/Spring Cost of Attendance On-Campus for Full-Time Undergraduate Florida Residents 2023-2024.**

Institution	Tuition & Fees	Books & Supplies	Room & Board	Transportation	Other Expenses	Total
FAMU	\$5,645	\$1,138	\$12,002	\$1,572	\$4,740	\$25,097
FAU	\$5,816	\$1,256	\$13,518	\$2,742	\$4,302	\$27,634
FGCU	\$6,118	\$1,200	\$10,914	\$2,750	\$2,750	\$23,732
FIU	\$6,566	\$1,350	\$12,156	\$2,706	\$3,194	\$25,972
FPU	\$4,940	\$1,148	\$12,940	\$1,864	\$2,009	\$22,901
FSU	\$5,666	\$1,000	\$12,740	\$1,562	\$4,794	\$25,762
NCF	\$6,916	\$1,200	\$13,805	\$1,100	\$2,170	\$25,191
UCF	\$5,954	\$1,000	\$12,070	\$2,126	\$3,104	\$24,254
UF	\$6,380	\$1,060	\$11,500	\$1,570	\$2,640	\$23,150
UNF	\$6,590	\$1,200	\$10,910	\$3,383	\$1,451	\$23,534
USF	\$6,410	\$770	\$13,595	\$2,100	\$2,750	\$25,625
UWF	\$6,360	\$1,600	\$12,432	\$2,008	\$3,024	\$25,424
<b>Average per year</b>	\$6,113	\$1,160	\$12,382	\$2,124	\$3,077	\$24,856

Source: Annual Survey of SUS Institutions

Notes: Costs that make up the "Other Expense" category can include but are not limited to the following: clothing maintenance/laundry, computer/cell phone, student health insurance, and other personal costs. USF-Sarasota Manatee is not included in this table because this institution does not have residential students.

*Estimated costs for items such as Transportation and Other Expenses are not "billable" costs, meaning these are items paid directly by the student and include things such as gas, car insurance, personal care items and entertainment expenses.*

## Financial Aid

Each school will have it's own available financial aid which can include scholarships, grants and work study programs. Be sure to check each school's website for specific information, and when in doubt call the Financial Aid Office to ask your questions!

Don't rule out being able to attend a particular school until you have received your acceptance letter and a detailed financial aid package. Many times what may seem to be an expensive school ends up being the most affordable after the package they offer!



# FINANCIAL AID

There are **(4) levels of financial aid** to help fund education/training after high school:

1. **Federal** - may be used anywhere in the USA at any school that is allowed funding
2. **State** - may be used at all Public and most Private schools in Florida
3. **Institution** - offered by the school applied to and able to be used at that school only
4. **Private** - all other scholarships, grants and loans that are applied for
  - National, State and Local scholarships/grants
  - Private loans offered through banks and organizations

## **Deadlines are VERY important!**

- ◆ Knowing and following all deadlines for applications is the first step in helping to secure as much aid as possible. Staying organized is key!
- ◆ Federal and State applications open October 1st
- ◆ Institutional aid can only be applied for after the application for admissions is submitted and in many cases, only after student is accepted for admissions.
- ◆ Private scholarships and grants will all have their own application requirements and deadlines and often the earlier the application is received, the better the likelihood of receiving funds.

Local (and some State & National) Scholarships will be advertised on the daily announcements, posted to the Mainland website and posted in Student services. ***Don't hesitate to ask questions or apply!***

## **Good to know:**

- ◆ FAFSA offers grants, loans and work-study. Maximum Pell Grant for 2023-24 is \$7,395yr
- ◆ State offers scholarships and grants and several are need based.
- ◆ First Generation Students may qualify for additional aid from the State and Institution.



## **Need more information? Plan now to attend:**

BUC Family Night - Financial Aid for College/Tech-Trade

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

MPR @ 6:00pm

(doors open at 5:30pm)

# MILITARY OPTIONS

There are many opportunities for students who join one of the branches of the armed services upon graduation. Recruiters for each branch visit campus regularly during lunch and contact information for each is available in the Resource Room.

Students interested in the military will need to earn a regular high school diploma to be considered by most, if not all, of the services. Each branch of service offers different opportunities that you may want to ask about, including:

- Opportunities for further education
- Scholarship opportunities
- Career training, jobs and your choices
- Time commitment and options
- Expected income and military lifestyle (travel, station location, etc.)

**The ASVAB is required for any student considering a military career.**

Next ASVAB CEP is scheduled on **November 14, 2023**

*(additional test will be offered on March 14, 2024)*

Sign up in Resource Room 1-257, or scan the QR code:



# ASVAB CEP

The ASVAB CEP is open to all students in 10th-12th grade. Scores may be withheld from the military if a student chooses by completing the “Opt-Out” letter prior to the scheduled assessment date.

**There is absolutely NO obligation to enter the military or speak with a recruiter.**

The ASVAB is an excellent tool to help you find your strengths and interests and after the test, it unlocks an online resource for (2) yrs that you can use to explore career paths, colleges, military branches, job outlooks and much more. Brochures and additional information available in the Resource Room and on the Mainland website.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!



Sign up to find the right career based on your skills and interests and explore all the ways to get there.

 COLLEGE

 WORK-BASED  
LEARNING

 MILITARY

**Find the path that's right for you.  
BE #OPTIONREADY**



### Take the ASVAB

Discover your strengths



### Find Your Interests

Learn about your work-related interests



### Explore Your Options

Search careers, entry requirements, and more



### Plan Your Future

Use our tools to map out how you will get there



asvabprogram.com

# CAREER CHOICES

There are options other than a traditional 2yr/4yr degree program after graduation.

- ⇒ **Technical and Vocational schools** and programs teach students to do very specific jobs, like plumbing, electrical or mechanic work. Daytona State College has several programs available that take less than 2yrs and many just a few months.
- ⇒ The **ASVAB CEP** is an excellent tool to help navigate interests and skills to determine possible career paths other than standard bachelor or associate degree programs.
- ⇒ Some companies offer apprenticeship opportunities where you “**earn as you learn**”.
- ⇒ The Military offers many opportunities for training and jobs that will equip a student even after their service commitment is over.

## Check out some options at:

[www.DaytonaStateCollege.edu](http://www.DaytonaStateCollege.edu) (1yr or less programs)

[www.VMAonline.com](http://www.VMAonline.com)

[www.CareerOneStop.org](http://www.CareerOneStop.org)

[www.ElectricalCareer.net](http://www.ElectricalCareer.net)

[www.TodaysMilitary.com](http://www.TodaysMilitary.com)

There are many local and national companies that have internal education programs, for example, CVS Pharmacy and their Pharmacy Tech program. If there is a career field you are interested in, speak with the College & Career Counselor for more information.

## Need more information?

Visit the Resource Room, Student Services or  
speak with your School Counselor!

Information Packets are available in the Resource Room

# STUDENT ATHLETES

Students who are planning to or are interested in playing organized sports in college will need to **know the guidelines required** by each school as well as the NCAA or NAIA organizations.

**Your GPA does matter!** Remember, you are a STUDENT first and an ATHLETE second!

**Talk with your high school coaches.** Let them know what you are interested in pursuing and ask for their help. **Speak with your school counselor** to find out the steps needed to send your information to the schools that you are interested in or who have contacted you.

Complete the required **“Student Records Release Authorization”** to allow your transcripts to be sent.

**Take or retake the ACT and/or SAT.** Scores are required by most schools as well as the NCAA/NAIA. *Students who qualify for ACT/SAT test waivers are eligible to also have their registration fee waived for the NCAA/NAIA account.*

**Need more information? Plan now to attend:**

BUC Family Night - Student Athletes and Requirements

TBA

Information Packets are available in the Resource Room



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# ONE OPPORTUNITY. LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES.

## TEST SCORES

In January 2023, NCAA Divisions I and II adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements. Check with the NCAA school you plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

If you want to compete in NCAA sports, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at [eligibilitycenter.org](https://eligibilitycenter.org). Plan to register before your freshman year of high school (or year nine of secondary school). Visit [on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist](https://on.ncaa.com/RegChecklist) to help guide you through the registration process.

## ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To study and compete at a Division I or II school, you must earn 16 NCAA-approved **core-course credits**, earn a minimum 2.3 (Division I) or 2.2 (Division II) **core-course GPA** and submit your final transcript with proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

## CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### DIVISION I

Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, world language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy)
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

For Division I, 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

### DIVISION II

Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	ADDITIONAL (English, math or science)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL COURSES (Any area listed to the left, world language or non doctrinal religion/philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

## GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The Eligibility Center calculates your **core-course GPA** based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.

- » Division I requires a minimum 2.3 core-course GPA.
- » Division II requires a minimum 2.2 core-course GPA.

### DIVISION III

While **Division III schools** set their own admissions and academic requirements, **international student-athletes** (first-year enrollees and transfers) who initially enroll full time at a Division III school on or after Aug. 1, 2023, are required to complete an **Amateurism-Only Certification account**. Contact the Division III school you plan to attend for more information about its academic requirements.

\*More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 can be found at [on.ncaa.com/COVID19\\_Spring2023](https://on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Spring2023).





# NAIA Eligibility Center

More than 30,000 students register each year to become eligible to play college athletics.

## Exposure & National Visibility

Since opening in 2010, the NAIA Eligibility Center has had hundreds of thousands of students register online providing unprecedented visibility and awareness of the opportunities to play intercollegiate sports at NAIA institutions. The exposure gained from partnerships with major testing services and the nation's more than 20,000 high schools has allowed the center to become a platform for reaching high school student-athletes, their families and coaches on a national scale.

## Level Playing Field

NAIA rules help ensure that NAIA student-athletes compete against students with similar levels of training and competitive experience. The NAIA Eligibility Center reviews the experiences of athletes who have competed outside the traditional college setting to maintain a level playing field throughout NAIA competition. Coaches know that the rules are applied consistently to every student, every time.

*The NAIA Eligibility Center provides initial eligibility determinations, working with integrity to apply NAIA rules and provide quality customer service for students, parents and NAIA membership.*

## Focus on the Student-Athlete & Customer Service

- ▶ With NAIA rules, prospective students don't have to worry about navigating a complex web of eligibility and recruiting contact rules. High school students have three academic eligibility criteria to focus on. If a student meets two of the criteria, then the student is eligible upon high school graduation:
  - Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
  - Class rank in top 50% of graduating class
  - If no class rank is on the transcript, nine college credits can be used in place of this requirement. (Effective May 1, 2020.)
  - ACT of 18 or SAT of 970 Critical Reading and Math\*
- ▶ Registering with the NAIA Eligibility Center is required for all first-time NAIA student-athletes. It only takes a few minutes to register.
- ▶ High academic performers in high school can even receive a final eligibility determination before high school graduation, if they meet a higher GPA

standard and have qualifying test scores.

- ▶ The fee to register is \$90 for students coming directly from high school, \$135 for transfer students, and \$150 for international students. For U.S. students with demonstrated need, a fee waiver system is in place.
- ▶ The PlayNAIA.org website is where all work related to the NAIA Eligibility Center for students, NAIA members, and high school counselors takes place. Students can track their progress online or through their mobile phones. NAIA coaches can easily monitor recruits through the registration process through their school's PlayNAIA dashboard.

## InCred: Streamlining For International Students

With its extensive experience in conducting credential evaluations of international student academic records, the NAIA Eligibility Center now requires InCred, a service for international students that combines the reviews for both admissions and athletic eligibility into a consolidated, cost-effective process.

InCred is a one-stop shop for international students to consolidate the admissions, transfer credit evaluation and eligibility process, saving students time and money through the submission of electronic international records. International student-athletes receive a quality credential evaluation on par with AACRAO and industry standards. InCred is the only international credential evaluation that provides consistency between the athlete's NAIA Eligibility Center review and a credential evaluation. InCred is helping pave the way for international students

### \*Initial Eligibility

Date test was taken	ACT	SAT
Before 3/1/2016	18	860
Between 3/1/2016 & 5/1/2019	16	860
After 5/1/2019	18	970

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# HELPFUL WEBSITES

## TEST REGISTRATION & STUDY:

SAT & AP - [www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org)

ACT - [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

[www.khanacademy.org/SAT](http://www.khanacademy.org/SAT)

## FLORIDA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:

[www.FloridaShines.org](http://www.FloridaShines.org)

Public Universities - [www.flbog.edu](http://www.flbog.edu)

Private Universities - <https://pcuf.net>

State Colleges - [www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system](http://www.fldoe.org/schools/higher-ed/fl-college-system)

## APPLYING TO COLLEGE:

[www.CommonApp.org](http://www.CommonApp.org)

[www.CoalitionforCollegeAccess.org](http://www.CoalitionforCollegeAccess.org)

[www.CommonBlackCollegeApp.com](http://www.CommonBlackCollegeApp.com)

<https://ssar.selfreportedtranscript.com>

## FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS:

FAFSA - [www.StudentAid.gov](http://www.StudentAid.gov)

Florida - [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org)

## SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES:

African American Students - [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

American Indian Students - [www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org)

Asian Pacific Islander Students - [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org)

Hispanic Students - [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net) and [www.apira.org](http://www.apira.org)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

***MHS website—scholarship page***

## MILITARY:

[www.ASVABprogram.com](http://www.ASVABprogram.com)

[www.CareersInTheMilitary.com](http://www.CareersInTheMilitary.com)

[www.MyFuture.com](http://www.MyFuture.com)

[www.TodaysMilitary.com](http://www.TodaysMilitary.com)

**[www.MainlandHighSchool.org](http://www.MainlandHighSchool.org)**